

above and beyond pre-earthquake conditions. Now we are seeing an ugly rise of violence against the most vulnerable.

We in Congress, along with our international partners, must stand up now to take bold action on ensuring that women and girls in Haiti are no longer targets of that violence. We need to make sure that women's rights in Haiti are protected in every capacity during and after reconstruction.

We have committed ourselves and our resources to helping to rebuild Haiti. We cannot deliver on that promise if women's security is at risk. Full participation and empowerment of women in rebuilding and development processes are key components for success in Haiti, and this depends on ensuring their safety now.

SKIP KHAMVONGSA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Skip Khmavongsa who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Skip Khmavongsa is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Skip Khmavongsa is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Skip Khmavongsa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO CARL STANLEY
"STAN" BEGLEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Carl Stanley "Stan" Begley of Grays Creek, Kentucky, who was an inspiration to thousands of young aspiring athletes, a tenacious business operator and supporter of the coal industry and a savvy political advisor in southeastern Kentucky.

Even a devastating 6-year battle with cancer didn't stop Stan Begley from enjoying his lifelong passions during his illness. The greatest thrill of his life was helping others succeed. As an avid sports fan and former local high school basketball star in Buckhorn, Kentucky, Stan's drive to live carried on through his involvement in little league sports. He was more than a little league coach. Stan provided shoes if necessary, transportation and friendship to youngsters who needed a true role model.

As a young man, Stan got involved in the operations of his stepfather's trucking business and would later become the operator of Virgil Raleigh Coal. Stan also became a local political advisor, realizing the positive impact he could influence on a larger scale through leadership. Only months before he passed, Stan braved 90-degree heat to attend two coal rallies in an effort to protect the industry he loved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Stan Begley for dedicating a lifetime of service to the youth and families of eastern Kentucky.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER
MARY CELINE GRAHAM: "A
WOMAN OF COMPASSION AND
FAITH"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved member of our community, Sister Mary Celine Graham, whose mass will be celebrated tomorrow at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in her beloved Harlem. Her tragic and senseless death came as a result of a horrific accident and has left behind a deeply felt void within the Handmaids of Mary of the Most Pure Heart family and the greater Harlem community. The Handmaids of Mary have a special place in my heart going back to my youth, and the loss of Sister Mary Celine is especially profound.

Sister Mary Celine was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Detroit. At the age of 22, she joined the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Harlem, which is one of only three historically black orders of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States. She continued to share her love and services with her community for the next 61 years.

Her death at the age of 83 leaves behind a great legacy of tireless service and devotion to those who needed her. Sister Mary Celine is remembered as a woman of true compassion who believed in education for the young. She dedicated her life to being a teacher, director, and surrogate grandmother to the children of St. Benedict's Day Nursery on 124th Street at Marcus Garvey Park.

As the New York Times reported last week, Sister Mary Celine left an indelible mark on the children she cared for and educated. She was a gently firm yet caring teacher who recognized the potential in each individual and worked to bring that potential to fruition. Sister Mary Celine was not only an educator but was also a loving mother figure to the children. These children not only learned the basics of reading and numbers but also learned what it was to love, and what it was to serve others.

The undivided attention and care she poured out to the children and the community will be forever etched in the hearts of all those that encountered her. She was a true kindred spirit that emanated a sense of peace and order.

Madam Speaker, although her life was taken from us too abruptly, rather than mourn this tragedy, I hope that my colleagues will join me in remembering and celebrating the

tremendous and loving spirit of Sister Mary Celine Graham—one of God's special angels who served Harlem at the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker. I rise today to introduce a bill to clarify that the federal government, like private citizens and corporations, must take responsibility for the pollution it produces. This bill will clarify that the federal government has a responsibility to pay fees assessed by local governments for managing polluted stormwater runoff from federal properties.

Recently, the Government Accountability Office issued letters to federal agencies in the District of Columbia that instructed them not to pay the District of Columbia's Water and Sewer Authority's, D.C. Water's, Impervious Area Charge. D.C. Water calculates the charges based on the amount of impervious land occupied by the landowner. Impervious surfaces, such as roofs, parking lots, sidewalks and other hardened surfaces are the major contributors to stormwater runoff entering the sewer system and local rivers, lakes and streams, which causes significant amounts of pollutants to enter these waters.

D.C. Water's Impervious Area Charge simply is to defray the cost of reducing water pollution caused by stormwater runoff. In fact, D.C. Water's fees are the result of a federal mandate to reduce sewer overflows from excess stormwater and to improve water quality in local waters, such as the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. It is, therefore, unfair, at best, for the federal government to turn around and refuse to pay these fees. Moreover, it is contrary to President Obama's commitment to preserve the Chesapeake Bay and the Anacostia River, as outlined in Executive Order 13508, which I have applauded many times.

When I looked into this issue further, I found that at least nine states faced the same issue of federal agencies refusing to pay the local fees associated with controlling the stormwater pollution originating from their properties. Surely, the federal government understands that these local governments still must cover the cost of managing the pollution from federal properties. So, in effect, what the federal government is doing is passing on that cost to already financially burdened citizens. In a city such as the District of Columbia, where nearly a quarter of the land is owned by the federal government and still more is leased by the federal government, the refusal by the federal government to pay these fees will impose substantial and burdensome costs on individual citizens.

It is important that we continue to work to improve the quality of our waters. Reducing pollution and improving water quality in the District has been a priority for me. My bill to secure funding for the Anacostia River cleanup plan became law in 2007 and the plan was released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April. Additionally, my bill to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to make

Kingman and Heritage Islands a center for environmental education recreation and restoration of the Anacostia River ecosystem passed in the House last year and I am working hard to get it through the Senate this year. This bill simply requires the federal government to continue its recent commitment to protecting and cleaning our waters, as well as to be a good neighbor here in the District and throughout the country.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING DENNIS SHEPHERD—
2010 SODEXO HERO OF EVERY-
DAY LIFE

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, in this world of such negativity, I think it is important to bring attention to the good things people do for others.

My constituent, Dennis Shepherd of Hubert, NC, has been declared a "2010 Hero of Everyday Life" by the Sodexo Foundation. The Sodexo Foundation is a committed force that contributes to ending hunger in America.

Every year since 2000, the Sodexo Foundation has recognized Sodexo employees who invest their time, talent, and service spirit in helping some of the 49 million people who are at risk of hunger in the United States. Nominated by a colleague, friend, or employer, selected Heroes are honored by the foundation and a donation is made to their local hunger-related charities of choice.

After serving 22 years in the United States Marine Corps, Dennis has been instrumental in the success of Sodexo Servathon at the USMC by organizing and delivering food donations to the Onslow Community Ministries Kitchen and Jacksonville Food Bank. Since 2004, Dennis has collected and delivered 18,000 pounds of food.

After Dennis finishes his regular work day, he volunteers at least 10 hours a week, doing charitable jobs including cutting grass and baking cakes to help gather food donations, supplies, and money for local charities. Dennis also engages in creative activities such as posting advertisements to help spread the word and encouraging others to help support people in need throughout the community.

Since 2004, Dennis has collected donations valued at \$20,000 for children and families in need. The award from the Sodexo Foundation has continued to open doors to Dennis' work. So far in 2010, he has already raised \$17,000—plus a \$5,000 grant that he received as part of the Heroes of Everyday Life award.

Dennis has been married to his wife Naomi for 19 years. He met Naomi while stationed in Okinawa, Japan during the 16 years he spent there with the United States Marine Corps.

Dennis also finds time to be a devoted father to his three children, Jonathan, Christina and Vega.

People like Dennis Shepherd make our world a better place to live, and I am proud that Dennis and his family live in the 3rd district. We could all learn from Mr. Shepherd's example and do more for our communities.

May God continue to bless Dennis Shepherd and his family, may God bless our men

and woman in uniform, and may God continue to bless America.

TATE LINDEMANN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tate Lindemann who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tate Lindemann is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tate Lindemann is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Tate Lindemann for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

AAPI HOSTS SUCCESSFUL
CONVENTION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin for their successful 28th annual convention. I was honored to join AAPI members from around the country at a reception on Capitol Hill, where nearly 500 physicians from 27 states had registered to make their voices heard in Congress.

As the past co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I have seen firsthand the professionalism, dedication, and success of Indian American doctors from rural and medically underserved areas to cities across South Carolina. I was recruited for the Caucus before I was elected by noted Lexington physician Dr. Kaushal Sinha and his wife Arunima, of Irmo, South Carolina.

I want to commend Dr. Vinod K. Shah of Maryland for his successful presidency and wish Dr. Ajeet R. Singhvi of California the very best as he leads AAPI forward.

This is an historic period for South Carolina where State Representative Nikki Haley of Lexington, a very successful legislator of Indian heritage has served as a Majority Whip and is now a nominee for Governor.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

THE REAL WORLD CONSEQUENCES
AND UNCERTAINTIES OF
HEALTH CARE REFORM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I have come down to this Floor many times over the past year and a half to share with my colleagues my profound concerns over the direction the Majority was taking with regard to health care reform. Regrettably, the enactment into law of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—accomplished via an unprecedented and extraordinary misuse of budget reconciliation rules—did nothing to alleviate my concerns. In fact, now that health care reform is law and the American people can finally see, in the full light of day, the law that the Democrat Majority wrote and jammed down their throats, a strong preponderance of Americans want this turkey of a law repealed.

I am firmly convinced that the credibility gap between what the Majority claimed its health care reform bill would do, and what all of the experts say it will actually do now that it is law, is a large part of why, according to the latest Gallup opinion poll, only 20% of Americans, a mere 2 in 10, have a favorable opinion of this Congress.

This Majority and this Administration has shown more disregard for the opinions and desires of the American people than any Congress and any presidential Administration, certainly of the modern age, if not history. It is time we listen to the American people; listen to the ordinary moms and dads and the small business owners who must live with the consequences—intended and unintended—of the laws that we pass.

To that end, I would like to share with my colleagues a letter I received from Pharmakon Long Term Care Pharmacy, Inc. and Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals; two Indiana corporations that provide pharmacy services to Indiana nursing and institutional facilities. Founded in 2003, these two companies have grown to over one hundred and fifty, 150, full-time employees serving more than six thousand, 6,000, people throughout Indiana and part of Illinois. I ask unanimous consent to include a copy of the letter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD after my statement.

I ask my colleagues to pay particular attention to the questions and concerns expressed in the letter about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act but I think it is also important to understand their observations about problems with Medicare and insurance billing as well as their concerns about DEA rules when it comes to dispensing medications; because these are the kinds of real world problems in our health care system that we should have been working to resolve if only we had been listening.

LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN BURTON ON
HEALTHCARE

MAY 27, 2010

Congressman DAN BURTON,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

Pharmakon Long Term Care Pharmacy, Inc. and Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals (d/b/a Pharmakon Compounding, Inc.) Inc. are two Indiana Corporations founded by Paul J. Elmer R.Ph. Pharmakon Long Term Care